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CLUB NOTES

THINGS ARE looking brighter thanks to two good wins. With only four goals against so far, and a game in hand compared with the majority of clubs (in some cases two) a mid-table position for North End is pleasing and promising.

Unfortunately we are out of the League Cup after winning our replay at Oldham. Crystal Palace are a good home team, having dropped only one point in five League games at Selhurst, and they had the edge in a well-fought match to finish worthy winners.

This has not been a good ground for P.N.E. It was our fifth visit and Palace have prevailed by 2-0, 1-0, 1-0 and 3-1 in four of these contests, the other being drawn 1-1. Deepdale has been in a similar category for the Palace. They got one point there last season but failed to score in all four games.

The goals famine ended in the last home match when we doubled our output by scoring four against Brum, whose leaky defence has got them into deep trouble. The Blues held out until just before half-time.

Two fouls one after the other in the same attack resulted in Ritchie having a penalty kick saved, but Spavin, following up, put North End ahead from the keeper's partial save. Lee snapped a second after skilful play by Wilson, who was a menace.

Birmingham's costly capture from Leeds, Greenhoff, reduced the lead, but quickly following Irvine got yet another goal, again from Wilson's spadework, and in a runaway finish Knighton completed the scoring.

Gain and Loss

This was a point gained compared with last season when the result was 0-0. It balanced the loss of a point to Portsmouth who were beaten 3-1 on their previous visit. Our other three matches ended similarly—a home win v. Huddersfield, and defeats at Middlesbrough and Cardiff.

As Bury were promoted from Division Three last term there was no corresponding match, but we won by 4-3 at Gigg Lane the previous season and last Saturday registered our first away League victory by 1-0.

It was not exactly an inspiring "derby" due to a good deal of tight keen marking and an excess of niggling exchanges which resulted in an epidemic of petty fouling. The whistle worked overtime, mainly for technicalities.

Bury were thought to be unlucky when a header by Turner came back into play from under the bar, but North End earlier had a similar experience. The hard luck side of it was about even. We were the faster side and stayed the hard going better.

The decider was another good opportunist's goal by Willie Irvine, teed up for him by new forward, 21-year-old Gerry Ingram. They linked up encouragingly in their joint attacking role. This was a well-taken goal in the 54th minute.

The Reserves had an excellent win against Manchester United Res. At least one first-team regular has found our Central League boys worth watching. Delighted by a refreshing display against Coventry he came again and has been loud in his praise of our Reserves being value for money. They are so enthusiastic, he says.

A nice tribute to the boys who put their hearts into it and enjoy their football.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (asst. Secretary)

COMPETITION PAGE

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Behind Scenes Viewpoint
from the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

THE STRAIN of the first few weeks of the season is easing a little for clubs in general and form is becoming a bit more settled. Soon it will be one match a week for a while, with more time to get over knocks and into a regular routine. It is helpful in a long season.

But there is no respite for North End at the moment. Two further mid-week games are coming up, the first on Monday night with our neighbours and rivals at Blackpool. This should be a game worth taking the trouble to see, and I hope we have a good following.

The more the better. It encourages a team to know they have the backing of their own supporters. Then early in October, comes our return match with Portsmouth, followed by a visit to Derby. By then North End will have had seven away games and six at home, the difference being due to one postponement of our home fixture with Carlisle United on 19th August.

I am sorry to say we are out of The League Cup. Visiting Crystal Palace was never an easy hurdle, but there could have been a different story if we had got a goal in the first 10 minutes instead of striking a post, before Palace had opened the scoring.

In the end they ran out good winners and I am not making any excuses. We wish them well for the remainder of the competition. They will be difficult to beat.

Now for the match at Bury. This game was written up as if it had been a dog-fight. I did not think it was a dirty game. Most of the fouls were petty ones. There was a lot of talk and fuss about Bury's alleged equaliser near the finish, but don't forget we had one kicked off the line and some of our fans said the ball was over after Ingram had headed against the post.

Whether or not the referee and a linesman, in both instances, were in a position to see for themselves and we must accept their verdict.

I thought Gerry Ingram made a promising debut for P.N.E. Through having been out of first team football for some time he is not yet 100 per cent match fit, but he did his job capably. He was there to take some of the weight off Willie Irvine in the role of joint spearhead, and that was what he did. In fact it was with his help that Irvine scored the only goal of the match.

Willie again proved his great value. Here I must congratulate him on again playing in Northern Ireland's international team, and scoring two goals, with the sincere wish that it will be the forerunner of many more caps while with Preston. He is a splendid worker, always trying, and we have seen some fine examples of his quickness to see a scoring chance and knack of snapping it up, opportunism being his strong point.

He is a strong worker for the team and aims successfully at being in the right place at the right time. I would ask the crowd to be patient with Gerry Ingram on his home debut, and give him encouragement, remembering that the baptism of a new player before the home spectators is always rather an ordeal, even for the best of players. We wish him well.

Due to injuries, two of our youngsters, Andy O' Halleron and Bill Murray, had to be pressed into service for the Reserves' game at West Bromwich, and both came out of the test very well. It is indeed good to see so many of our youngsters doing well in the Central League.

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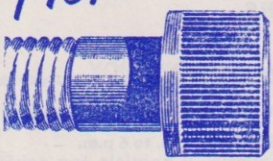

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — LEADING SCORERS

(up to and including Saturday, 7th September)

	Lge	FLC	Eur. comps	Total
Division I				
Astle (West Brom.)	6	2	–	8
Peters (West Ham)	7	1	–	8
Clarke (Leicester)	5	2	–	7
Crawford (Ipswich)	6	1	–	7
Greaves (Tottenham)	7	–	–	7
Division II				
Curran (Norwich)	9	3	–	12
Irvine, W. (Preston N.E.)	4	3	–	7
Jackson, C. (Crystal P.)	5	2	–	7
Galley (Bristol City)	4	2	–	6
Division III				
Yardley (Tranmere)	5	3	–	8
Lewis (Luton)	6	1	–	7
Regan (Crewe)	5	2	–	7
Collins (Reading)	6	–	–	6
Halom (Orient)	2	4	–	6
Division IV				
Hall (Peterborough)	3	4	–	7
Kerr (Scunthorpe)	5	2	–	7
Deere (Scunthorpe)	4	2	–	6
Jeffrey (Doncaster)	6	–	–	6

DIVISION TWO TABLE TOPPERS

CHARLTON ATHLETIC— SEASON 1968-69

Back Row (left to right): M. Tees, G. Moore, C. Wright, J. Keirs, R. Curtis, A. Campbell, R. Treacy.

Front Row (left to right): P. Hince, J. Mullen, H. Gregory, P. Reeves, B. Kinsey.

OUR VISITORS

WELCOME to Charlton Athletic, who came to Deepdale last Christmas as fellow-strugglers in the relegation scramble and, through a transformation in their fortunes, return as Second Division leaders undefeated since losing at home by 3-4 to Millwall in the opening game.

Charlton's League record since then is: Cardiff (a) 1-0, Carlisle (a) 1-1, Birmingham (h) 3-1, Norwich (h) 2-1, Bury (a) 3-2, Crystal Palace (a) 3-3, and Portsmouth (h) 2-1—five wins and two draws by 15 goals to nine. In only eight games they have gained 12 points, almost a third of their total of 37 last season when they finished eighth from the bottom.

A 4-1 win by North End in the previous meeting ended a sequence of six League defeats and 10 games without a victory. It was the start of a revival which eventually averted relegation.

Charlton would not claim Deepdale as one of their lucky grounds. They have lost on seven of their last eight visits and are credited with only two wins and two draws in 16 post-war encounters. At the Valley, North End have won four and drawn three of 16 games. From the first League meeting in November, 1930, our complete record with Charlton home and away is: P42, W20, D7, L15, Goals F75, A66, Pts.47. In the F.A. Cup we have won one, drawn one and lost three.

The first tie, in 1923, produced a shock, Third Division Charlton beating Manchester City, Preston (2-0), and West Brom. in a giant-killing run to the last eight, then to lose to Bolton, the Cup winners. North End's heaviest Cup defeat (0-6) was at Charlton in 1946.

At the Valley in 1938 a fifth round tie with Aston Villa, which ran to three games, attracted Charlton's record crowd of 75,031. In 1946 Charlton eliminated Fulham, Wolves, Preston, Brentford and Bolton, but lost the Final against Derby in extra time. A year later Chris Duffy won them the Cup with a remarkable lone goal against promoted Burnley, again in extra time.

Founded 1906, and becoming a professional club in 1920, Charlton were elected to The League (Division Three) in 1921, so that this is their 41st season as a League club. They spent 14 successive seasons from 1936 in Division One.

Pen Pictures

Charlie WRIGHT (*goalkeeper*). Glasgow-born. From a chance game for Morton at Hampden Park, got a trial at Ibrox—and a free transfer. On Workington's books 1958-62, then four seasons with Grimsby who parted with him to Charlton 1966 for a large fee. Nearing 300 League appearances.

Bob CURTIS (*right back*). Youngster from Langwith who joined Charlton from school, turning pro. when 17. League debut against North End in March, 1967. Played in 25 League games last term.

Brian KINSEY (*left back*). Born at Charlton, which makes him proud to be the team's captain. Former Bromley amateur who made progress "backwards" —winger, wing half to full back.

Alan CAMPBELL (*right half*). Native of Arbroath who signed for Charlton in 1964 when a young hopeful, and made his League debut a year later. Scottish youth international.

John KEIRS (*centre half*). A Scot from Ayrshire who was signed in July, 1965, when 17 years old. Made his League debut two seasons ago. Showed enough promise to get 15 League games last season. Started with Annbank United and has had experience of playing at full back.

Peter REEVES (*left half*). A young local product who played for Kent and London as a schoolboy, and has graduated from junior ranks to first team. Captained the England Youth team that reached the Junior World Cup Final last year, in Turkey. Newcomer this season.

Harry GREGORY (*outside right*). Another London-born former Youth international. Signed from Leyton Orient in July, 1966. Has played at full back and inside forward. Given his chance in League football on the strength of his considerable promise.

Matt TEES (*inside right*). Charlton's leading League scorer last season with 12 goals in 35 appearances. A former Airdrie forward, whose first experience of English football was with Grimsby Town 1963-64. Two seasons later he was top Third Division scorer with 36 goals. His total was 51 when signed by Charlton in January, 1967 for a substantial fee.

Ray TREACY (*centre forward*). A Dublin-born schoolboy international and now a full Eire capped player. Transferred from West Bromwich last February, he got a long desired first team place.

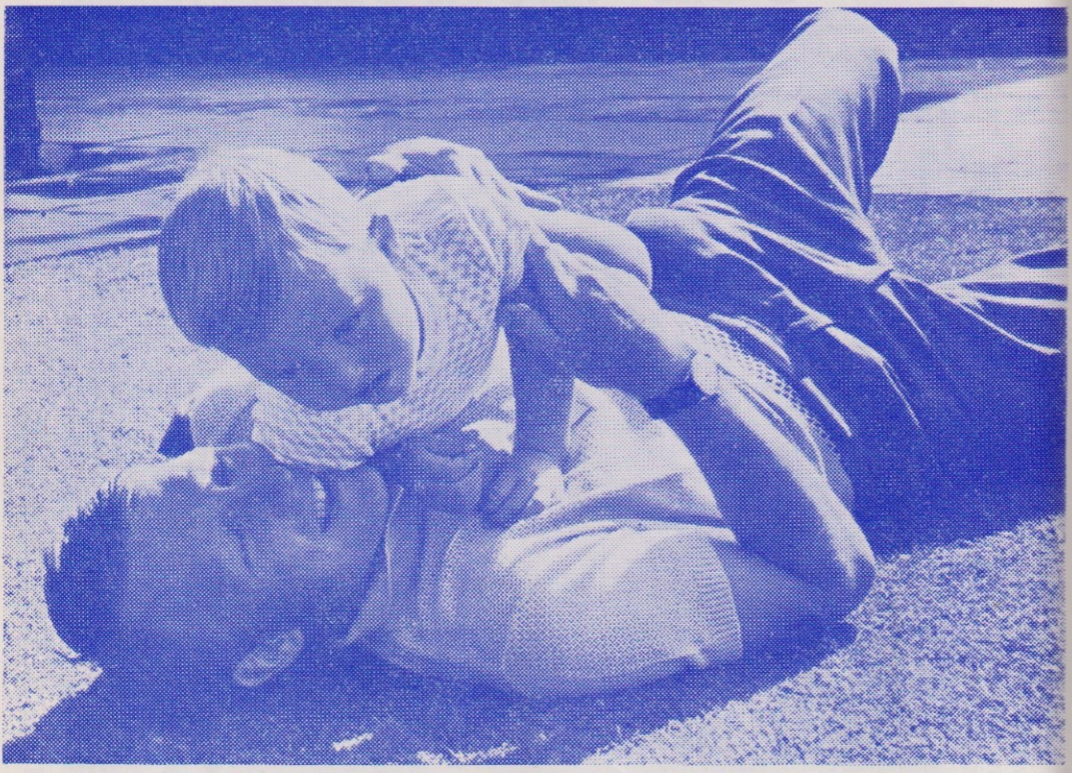
Graham MOORE (*inside left*). Born in Glamorgan and has played for Wales in youth and full internationals. Much travelled, his career record is Cardiff City 1958, Chelsea 1961, Manchester United 1963, Northampton Town 1965 and Charlton in May, 1967. Last season—20 League appearances.

Keith PEACOCK (*outside left*). One of the Charlton straight-from-school squad. Belongs to Dartford, and has done well enough to make more than 100 first team appearances, missing only two League matches last season, when his goals total was 10.

Paul WENT (*substitute*). A much talked of, powerfully built young player of London birth. England schoolboy and youth international, cost Charlton their record fee when signed from Orient in June, 1967.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

DAVE the Family Man



Romping in the garden of his Penwortham home with son Neil

Dave in action at Bury last Saturday

FOCUS on DAVE WILSON

VERY FEW North End fans were not highly pleased to welcome "Tug" Wilson back to Deepdale after his not over-rewarding sojourn at Anfield. Fair sample comment: "If he gets off to a good start at home the crowd will be with him all the way, and Davie will have a good season."

That is how his return from Liverpool at a bargain price has worked out so far. In two or three sparkling exhibitions Dave has proved himself still a clever player and a match winner. Some of his tricky gliding runs have been reminiscent of Tom Finney in artistry and footwork.

He has also matured with experience and gets into his game with a stout heart, thereby taking a big stride towards making himself a crowd favourite again. How many fans, recalling his service in our 1960 Youth Cup Final team have made comparisons favourable to Dave in reflecting upon the promise at that time of those bright junior prospects Wilson and Peter Thompson?

David Charles Wilson was born at Nelson and when a mere boy was signed by North End virtually on Burnley's doorstep. He started as an inside right and made a hit at once with a skilful display in a Youth Cup-tie against Wigan, showing an approach to the game beyond his years.

His ultimate graduation was as an outside right, with England Under-23 recognition which, perhaps prematurely, thrust him into the limelight. He played some fine games in this position and in those days had a strong accurate shot and was frequently among the goals.

He would tell you his greatest thrill in football was scoring a hat trick for North End at Cardiff. Keenly interested, as are most players, in the game's stars, he rates Eusebio the most complete professional footballer, with Bobby Charlton second choice.

Dave has no business interests. His hobby is golf, his ambition to play in First Division football, his pet hate—washing dishes, etc., his promotion tips: P.N.E. and Fulham. And, as a qualified butcher, he should know what he is talking about in voting steak his favourite food.

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

								Attendances	
1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham	H	1–1	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham	A	1–0	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	League Cup 2nd Rd. Crystal Pal.	A	1–3	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	–	4–1					11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	–	1–4					16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	–	0–2					
,, 28	Norwich City	H	–	1–0					15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	–	0–2					13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	–	3–5					20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	–	1–2					21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	–	2–1					17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	–	3–2					14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	–	0–2					9,736
Nov. 2	Fulham	H	–	–					—
,, 9	Aston Villa	A	–	0–1					13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	–	0–1					10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	–	–					—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	–	1–1					19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	–	–					
,, 14	Derby County	H	–	1–1					17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	–	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	–	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	–	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	F.A. Cup 3rd Round			3–1					
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	F.A. Cup 4th Round			1–3					
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	....
,, 21	Bury	H	....
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	....
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	....
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	....
,, 19	Blackpool	A	....
,, 26	Liverpool	H	....
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	....
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	....
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	....
,, 23	Manchester City	H	....
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	....
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	....
,, 14	Blackburn Rovers	A	....
1968			
Dec. 21	Blackpool	H	....
,, 26	Leeds United	H	....
,, 28	Liverpool	A	....
1969			
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	....
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	....
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	....
,, 25	Burnley	H	....
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 8	Manchester City	A	....
,, 15	Sheffield United	H	....
,, 22	Derby County	A	....
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
—	—Huddersfield Town	A	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968/69

Football League, Division II—P6, W3, D1, L2, Goals F7, A4, Pts7

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Bert PATRICK	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
George ROSS	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
John RITCHIE	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Jim SMITH	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	6
Jim McNAB	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	4
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	6
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 4, Spavin, Lee, Knighton 1 each—Total 7

League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 11th September)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Charlton Athletic	8	5	2	1	18	13	12
Millwall	7	5	1	1	16	9	11
Crystal Palace	8	5	1	2	20	12	11
Blackpool	7	3	4	0	8	4	10
Sheffield United	7	4	1	2	10	8	9
Cardiff City	8	4	1	3	14	12	9
Middlesborough	8	4	1	3	10	10	9
Bolton Wanderers	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Blackburn Rovers	7	3	2	2	10	8	8
Norwich City	8	3	2	3	12	12	8
Preston North End	6	3	1	2	7	4	7
Derby County	7	2	3	2	9	9	7
Oxford United	7	2	3	2	6	6	7
Bristol City	7	1	4	2	7	8	6
Hull City	7	1	4	2	8	9	6
Bury	7	2	2	3	12	14	6
Huddersfield Town	8	1	4	3	7	11	6
Portsmouth	8	1	3	4	7	11	5
Birmingham City	7	2	0	5	15	19	4
Aston Villa	7	1	2	4	5	11	4
Fulham	7	1	2	4	2	7	4
Carlisle United	7	0	3	4	3	12	3

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 7th September)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Burnley	8	6	1	1	17	11	13
Wolverhampton W.	8	5	2	1	18	10	12
Liverpool	7	5	1	1	16	3	11
Manchester United	7	5	1	1	12	6	11
Stoke City	7	4	2	1	10	5	10
Sheffield Wednesday	8	4	2	2	11	9	10
West Bromwich A.	8	4	1	3	16	10	9
Aston Villa	8	3	3	2	8	9	9
Preston North End	7	3	2	2	11	8	8
Sheffield United	8	2	4	2	7	6	8
Blackpool	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Newcastle	6	3	1	2	8	7	7
Everton	7	3	1	3	9	12	7
Huddersfield Town	8	3	1	3	11	17	7
Leeds United	7	2	2	3	6	10	6
Bolton Wanderers	8	2	2	4	9	18	6
Blackburn Rovers	8	2	1	5	9	13	5
Nottingham Forest	6	1	2	3	13	14	4
Manchester City	8	2	0	6	9	16	4
Derby County	7	0	4	3	3	9	4
Bury	6	1	0	5	7	13	2
Coventry	8	0	2	6	6	16	2

Meet our Goal Scorers

Football League

7 Goals
WILLIE IRVINE

Central League

4 Goals
ALAN TINSLEY

Lancashire League

3 Goals
ANDREW O'HALLERON

OUR MAN IN TEL AVIV:

W. Irvine scores two goals for N. Ireland v. Israel. *Well done Willie!*

HELP NORTH END TO DIVISION ONE

New Agents

As we have already received a number of enquiries from members who wish to become agents for the Development Scheme, bearing in mind that if our Association is to continue to grow the need for new agents becomes of paramount importance, we are printing below an application form for anyone wishing to join us as an Agent. On receipt of this application form we will immediately send you full details, no obligation will be ncurred.

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To The Promoter, Preston North End Development Association, Pavillion Office, Deepdale, Preston

I am interested in becoming an agent for the Preston North End Development Association and would be pleased if you would send me full particulars as soon as possible. No obligation is incurred.

Name (block letters)..... Address.....

CHARLTON ATHLETIC QUIZ

1—Who were Charlton's three most famous players?
2—What great hat trick of achievement gained Charlton fame?
3—What was Charlton's original nickname?
4—Which present Charlton player once was voted Hong Kong's "Footballer of the Year"?
5—What other recognition of service to football has been earned by Charlton's chairman?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

EDDIE FIRMANI (Charlton's Manager)

Eddie Firmani's name has become synonymous with Charlton. He has left "home" several times but there was always the belief that he would return to The Valley. At present he is in his third spell with the club.

It was in 1950 that he joined Charlton from Clyde, in South Africa. Two years later he made his League debut and he was soon to become a great favourite of Charlton fans. Shortly before his first departure, to Italian club Sampdoria for £35,000 and a £5,000 signing-on fee in 1955, he hit five goals in one game against Aston Villa.

The Italians likewise took him to heart and before long, because he had an Italian grandfather, he made the first of three appearances for the Italian national team. Inter-Milan signed him for almost £90,000, then Genoa paid £65,000 for him. By 1963, when he decided he wanted to return to England, he had somehow managed to squeeze over 150 goals between those tight Italian defences.

Charlton seized their chance to regain his services for a bargain £12,000 and 25,000 fans turned up to watch his first home game for his old club. When it seemed his career was drawing to a close, Charlton allowed him to go to Southend United for a couple of seasons but, in March, 1967, when they were in dire danger of relegation to Division III, it was to Eddie Firmani they turned to save them.

His presence in the side gave them confidence and they duly avoided the drop. Charlton faced another crisis last September when, struggling near the foot of the table again, they needed a manager who could lift them to safety. There weren't any doubts as to who was the only man for the job . . . Eddie Firmani.

He has established a strict code of conduct—no arguing with the referees, play the game as it should be played—and is fast welding his squad into a compact unit. With little cash in the kitty, the Charlton manager has a tough job on hand; but he enjoys it and he has put his team among the Second Division leaders. "My heart was always with Charlton," he admits.

Man in the Middle

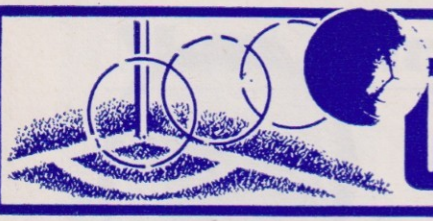
ROY DARLINGTON (Runcorn)

Several games were due to start on the local park: the teams were shooting into goal. Roy Darlington was wondering which local match he would watch. Then consternation! The referee had failed to arrive for one match . . and there were only a few minutes to kick-off. So Mr. Darlington rashly agreed to have a go so the game could go on.

He must have done well for, at the end, the League secretary, who had been watching, asked him to take up refereeing properly. From there he rose from local matches to the West Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues to the Central League. In 1962, just ten years after he "substituted" in that park game, he was appointed to the Football League's linesmen's list. Four years later he was promoted to referee.

One incident from his early days always remains vivid in his memory. "Soon after the start of this quite unimportant match one player, obviously terribly off-form, was goaded by his trainer to 'fight for the ball.' Next time the ball approached the player took his trainer's words literally—and smashed a right uppercut on an opponent's jaw!"

Mr. Darlington, a pavior with Runcorn U.D.C., lives at home with his widowed mother. In summer he plays cricket for Helsby B.I.C.C. in the Merseyside competition and, during winter, keeps busy refereeing and in his capacity as chairman of Runcorn Referees' Society and as his local league's referee appointments secretary.



CORNER KICKS

AN ODDITY

Here's a novel off-beat soccer oddity. There have now been five postwar cases of different players of the same christian name and same surname having appeared for different countries in full international matches. Bill Foulkes has played for England and Wales, Willie Cunningham for Scotland and Ireland, Billy Hughes for Wales and Ireland, Willie Johnston for Scotland and Ireland, and Tommy Wright for England and Scotland.

HAT-TRICK HEADERS

Did you know that Carlisle United's Hugh McIlmoyle is the only current player who has twice hit a "hat-trick" of headers in Football League matches? Those who have done it once apiece include Denis Law (Manchester United), John O'Rourke (Ipswich Town), Terry Allcock (Norwich City), Alex Dawson (Bury), John Collins (Reading), Jim Fryatt (Stockport County), and Jim Lawton (Darlington).

FEMALE SEC.

Inaccurate stories have been put out about Miss Pauline Hicks, a soccer fan since she was seven, who was made Halifax Town's secretary in preference to eight men. It is *not* the first case of a Football League club having a woman secretary. Crystal Palace made history in the fifties when, giving the job to Miss Mary Montague, they became the first to appoint a woman.

PROFIT

I've spent £53,000 since I came to Rotherham from Chelsea, and I've pulled in £59,000 on transfers—*Tommy Docherty, Rotherham and ex-Chelsea manager.*

SILENT NOTE

Radio Lilywhite last week received a request from several Season Ticket Holders in the West Stand for *Silence* . . . After checking our record library we found that the only record near to it was *Silence is Golden* by The Tremeloes . . . But point taken though!

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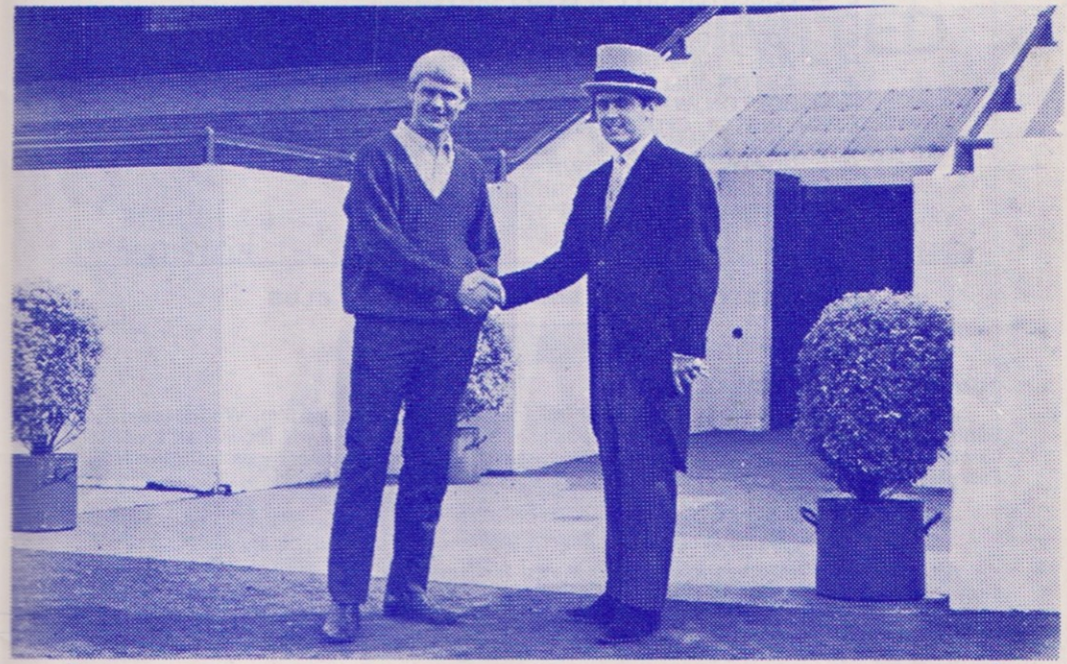

In keeping with the Deepdale tradition, Assistant Secretary Stuart Webb, who was on his way to a wedding, popped into Deepdale to welcome new signing Gerry Ingram.

Needless to say Gerry was pleased. "I was always told that first impressions counted . . . but this is fantastic. In fact the whole set-up at Deepdale is very impressive," remarked Gerry.

Quiz Answers

1—Sam Bartram, who kept goal for Charlton in 583 League matches and two Cup Finals; shrewd schemer-scorer Don Welsh; and crackshot centre forward Eddie Firmani.
2—Promotion from Division Three to Division One in two seasons, and League runners-up a year later.
3—"The Haddicks."
4—Goalkeeper Charlie Wright, after playing a "blinder" for Hong Kong against Peru in 1960 when doing his National Service out there. He was then on Workington's books.
5—One of the youngest of club chairmen, Mr. E. M. Gliksten is also a member of The League Management Committee.

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PRESTON NORTH END SUPPORTERS' CLUB

GOALS — GOALS — GOALS

JUNIOR SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Junior supporters will be treated to a fabulous feast of goals on film, Wednesday, 25th September, 1968, in the Gymnasium, Deepdale. All junior members will receive an invitation by post for this event. A great night is forecast with Personal Appearances from the North End players, lots of prizes to be won, and the films to be shown will include:

Real Madrid v. Eintracht (10 goals), 1960.
Korea v. Portugal (8 goals), 1966.
Newcastle v. Manchester City (7 goals), 1968 championship decider.

All these films have been specially adapted for North End and will last 20 minutes each showing all the important highlights and of course . . . *All the Goals.*

Goal Chart: 25 goals will be scored in 1 hour's filming.

Note: For you budding junior mathematicians, 1 goal will be scored every 2.4 minutes. It should prove to be an action-packed show. See you at Deepdale.

HIT THE TRAIL TO... B'pool

NORTH END ARE GOING PLACES . . .

ARE YOU GOING WITH THEM?

SUPPORTERS' CLUB EXCURSION

The Supporters' Club are running coaches to Blackpool on Monday, 16th September, 1968. For further details of times and fare contact the Travel Secretary at the Clubhouse.

BLACKPOOL F.C. SOCIAL CLUB

The Blackpool Supporters' Club is situated on the Ground at Bloomfield Road. Their Secretary is Miss C. M. Barrett, telephone Blackpool 46428. All members of North End Supporters' Club travelling to Blackpool will be most welcome to call either before or after the game.

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For supporters travelling by car to the match at Blackpool the following car parks are situated quite near to the ground.

(a) Rigby Road—Car Park.
(b) Seymour Road (Coaches) opposite ground.

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Referee
R. DARLINGTON
(Runcorn)

LAST FOOTBALL POST

Linesmen
Red Flag:
J. Gibbs
Yellow Flag:
B. Hutchinson

NEXT HOME GAMES

Monday, 16th September, 1968 Kick-off 7.30 p.m. Central League
North End Reserve v. Everton Reserve

Saturday, 21st September, 1968 Kick-off 3 p.m. Central League
North End Reserve v. Bury Reserve

Saturday, 28th September, 1968 Kick-off 3 p.m. Football League
PRESTON NORTH END v. NORWICH CITY

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